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By Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

Nebraskans are known for conversations and jokes about our weather. So of course, I was intrigued to find a session precisely on that topic at the Oklahoma Library Association and Mountain Plains Library Association joint conference last April. And I'm guessing, Oklahoma may have about as many reasons as Nebraska to focus their attention on the weather.

I had the opportunity to attend a presentation by Virginia Dietrich, the librarian at the National Weather Center Library in Norman, Oklahoma. The library serves the University of Oklahoma's College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences, the Oklahoma Climatological Survey and various National Weather Services offices, including the Storm Prediction Center and the National Severe Storms Laboratory. Dietrich was recently awarded an ALA Carnegie Whitney Award to develop a resource for weather and climate information.

All Weather is Good at: <http://awig.nwc.ou.edu/index.php>, is the website Dietrich developed as a resource for high school age and the general public. The

information on the website is not intended to be an all-inclusive bibliography of weather resources, but rather a wide variety "to create a balanced list that are scientifically accurate, interesting to read, understandable to the general public, representative of all aspects of weather and climate, and easy to obtain through school and public libraries." The website contains an annotated list of books and websites, both of which will be updated to make certain the website remains current and relevant as a source of information.

The book list is divided into 5 categories: Living with the Weather; Stormy Weather; Weather and the World; Weather Basics; and Weather Stories and History. Each of those broad categories is then divided into several segments with a list of suggested titles for that particular topic. In the list of websites there are 18 different subject headings: Atmosphere/Air; Aviation Weather for Pilots; Climate Change/Global Warming; Climates of the World; Clouds; Drought; Extreme Weather; Forecasting the Weather; Government Agencies; History of Weather; Hurricanes/Cyclones/Typhoons; Oceans, Seas & Sailing; Organizations & Agencies; Snow

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Calendar

Southeast Library Systems

August-October 2010

- Aug. 3rd - NLC Roadshow at Nebraska Library Commission** (1200 N Street, Lincoln) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. NLC staff will provide you with an overview of the NebraskaAccess website, with time for hands-on training and a tour of the Librarian's Toolbox, which contains promotional and training material. Register online at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp. ([click here](#) for map).
- Aug. 19th - CASTL Meeting in Deshler**, 10:00 a.m. Before this meeting, take some time to read a book from the RUSA Reading List in the Historical Fiction Category. You can choose the winner, *Agincourt*, by Bernard Cornwell, or one of the Read-Alikes: *The Templar Trilogy*, by Jack Whyte; *The Religion*, by Tim Willocks, or *Gates of Fire*, by Stephen Pressfield. Or if you'd like more choices, choose a title from the Short List: *Cleopatra's Daughter*, by Michelle Moran; *Etta*, by Gerald Kolpan; *Grace Hammer*, by Sara Stockbridge; or *The Owl Killers*, by Karen Maitland. You can find the entire RUSA Reading List and additional information at: www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/readinglist/index.cfm.
- Aug. 21st or 28th - SELS Friends Iron Librarian Event.**
- Aug. 26th - SELS Board Meeting & Annual Planning** at Clark Enersen – 1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 200, Lincoln; 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ([click here](#) for a Google map).
- Sept. 8th - Outreach, Free Health Information and Multiple Language Resources of Health Information** at the Nebraska Library Commission, in Lincoln, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Event is sponsored by the National Network/Libraries of Medicine. See [page 14](#) for details.
- Sept. 10th - Nebraska Library Commissioner's meeting**; 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N Street, Lincoln—[click here](#) for Google map). The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Maria Medrano-Nehls at: (402) 471-2045, or (800) 307-2665, or email Maria at: maria.medrano-nehls@nebraska.gov.
- Sept. 15th - Bridging the Gender Gap: Enticing Boys to Read**, with presenter Carole Fiore. The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Ole's Big Game Steakhouse & Lounge, 123 North Oak, Paxton. ([click here](#) for map. Registration is due by September 1st. See [page 15](#) or details.
- Sept. 16th & 17th - ELS & SELS Youth Services Retreat** at Carol Joy Holling Camp in Ashland. Visit [page 16](#) for more details.

Calendar continued

- Sept. 24th** - **CASTL Meeting in Aurora**, 10:00 a.m. CASTL Meeting at Alice M. Farr Library in Aurora. Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. and wraps up by 3:30 p.m. You are encouraged to read one of the titles on the RUSA Reading List in the Horror category. You can choose the winner, *Last Days*, by Brian Evenson, or one of the Read-Alikes: *Pilo Family Circus*, by Will Elliott; *Misery*, by Stephen King; or *Crash*, by J.G. Ballard. Still not tempted? Choose from the Short List: *The House of Lost Souls*, by F.G. Cottam; *The Little Stranger*, by Sara Waters; *The S-ance*, by John Harwood; or *The Unseen*, by Alexandra Sokoloff.
- Sept. 28th** - **NAIL** (Nebraska Association of Institutional Libraries) meeting at the Norfolk Regional Center. Michael Sauers from NLC will be presenting on Google, and Richard Miller of NLC will be presenting on the Grant Process.
- Oct. 9th** - The 15th Annual Plum Creek Children's Festival, Concordia University, in Seward. Featured authors include: Patricia Polacco, Dan Gutman, Ashley Bryan, Sarah Weeks, Alyssa Satin Capucilli, Pat Schories, and Ralph Masiello. For more information visit: www.cune.edu/about/2040.
- Oct.13th** - Black Belt Librarian Pre-conference Workshop. See [page 17](#) for details.
- Oct. 13th & 15th** - NLA/NEMA Conference in Grand Island—Celebrating the Past, Creating the Future. For more information go to: <http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2010/>.
- Nov. 4th** - **CASTL Meeting** at the Syracuse Public Library.
- Dec. 10th** - **CASTLE Meeting** at Webermeier Memorial Library, Milford.

Sowings continued

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& Ice; Thunderstorms/Lightning; Tornadoes; Weather Overview; and Weather Website Lists. Each category contains a manageable number of sites to explore, making for a reliable list of online resources that provides fascinating text and visuals to contribute to understanding and enjoyment.

Dietrich was asked for a recommendation, if you were able to only buy one title? And with reluctance, she suggested the *Ultimate Guide to America's Weather*, by Jack Williams – reluctant because there are so many fabulous choices on her lists so don't stop there when thinking about additions to your

collection. She also shared a favorite book because of the beautiful pictures, *Kaleidoscope Sky*, by Tim Herd. On my list to read from her booklist are: *Living with the Weather: Among the Clouds – Work, Wit and Wild Weather at the Mount Washington Observatory*, by Eric Pinder and *Freaks of the Storm: From Flying Cows to Stealing Thunder, the World's Strangest True Weather Stories*, by Randall Cerveny.

Take some time to browse – ***All Weather Is Good***, and add to your list of favorite information sources. If nothing else, consider it a contribution to material for small talk and conversation.



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now online at
Apollo!**

Visit us at:
<https://selsne.bibliunix.com/atoz/catalog/>



Fishy Fun in Fairmont

By Wanda Marget, Director of the Fairmont Public Library

Summer Reading is really a “SPLASH” in Fairmont. We have made terrariums, Koi Kites, Wave Bottles, and we’ve hosted the Nebraska Fish and Game people. We have also painted fish on t-shirts (shown far right).



The kids hold up their Koi Kites for a photo.



DeWitt Grows Crystals

By Gerry Powers, Director of DeWitt Burkley Public Library.

Summer Reading at the Library in DeWitt was a fun time. Two of the projects that the kids enjoyed were reading *The Little Mermaid Book*, *How Does Your Garden Grow*, and then making a Salt Crystal Garden. Everyone was amazed at the growth and colors in our fish bowl and glass baking dish.



Another fun activity the children enjoyed was using colored sand (salt) to make a beach, and then the children added starfish, sea shells, sand dollars, and various other things found on beaches. We found out there are many stories about sea life, oceans, and the like, that were fun to read. On the last Wednesday, we ended with a family hot dog picnic, more stories, games and prizes.

Sandcastle Summer in Seward

By Charlotte Baldinger, Librarian, Seward Memorial Library

The Seward Memorial Library made a big splash in the community this summer. The 2010 water theme was a big hit with children as evidenced by the record-setting circulation in June. An all-time high of 13,595 items were checked out in that month alone (over 30% of our collection)! The library was also pleased to host



some unusual events. For instance, as the staff was preparing for "Beach Week" one of the local stores was contacted for meat tray donations. The trays were needed as the base for future sandcastles to be made from dried bread cubes. When the store manager

inquired about the use of the trays he challenged the library by offering a bonus. Not only would he



provide meat trays, but he offered to donate 25 lbs. of white cheese to be used to create "sandcastles" as well. He wanted to schedule an event for a dairy promotion and he thought we would be a great partner. What a surprise for the children! Everyone had a great time using toothpicks and peanut butter to build individual sandcastles. The children were fascinated with the challenge and the construction results were unique (the bread cubes were used another time). The staff and children will never forget this sandcastle adventure.



Trading Lunch Already?

Help alleviate back-to-school boredom. Add your favorite lunch recipes to the SELS Friends Cookbook Project.

Visit our webpage at:

<http://www.selsfriends.org/>



Morton-James Breaks Record

Look At What We've Been Doing!

Over the past seven weeks the Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City has been an extremely busy place. June 2010 was a record breaking month with total circulation and computer usage at 11,999. The summer programs were a phenomenal success.



There were 41 children registered for the preschool summer story time held on Wednesdays. On average, 24 children attended each session. A total of 115 children in K-5th grades registered for the summer reading program. The children in grades K-3rd read 750 books and the children in

grades 3rd-5th read a total of 614 hours. On Tuesdays guest speakers presented the following programs

Wild About Animals, Turtles, Science Experiments, The Adam White Magic Show, Fishing and Drawing. The attendance for the seven Tuesday programs was a grand total of 723 children and adults. On Thursdays, the children enjoyed crafts, games and stories.

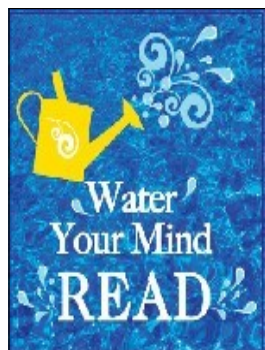


There were 17 registered for the 6th Grade Summer Program. Over seven weeks they read a total of 4,033 pages. Programs were presented on *Let's Go Hawaiian, Turtles, Scuba Diving, Cookie Decorating, Weather Watching* and *Water Fun*.



Nine registered for the Teen Summer Program. A total of 29 books were read. Programs were given on *Storytelling, Drawing With Sidewalk Chalk* and *A Scavenger Hunt-Pirate Day*. The grand finale was a lock-in held after library hours.

This was the first year for an adult summer program. There were four that registered for the program. Eleven book reviews were submitted. Brown Bag Programs were presented every Monday. Each program featured a different library service including interlibrary loan, how to manage your library account online, NetLibrary, eBooks and OverDrive.



Scott Childers Presented with the CAMRE Award

By Yvonne Weers, SELS Administrative Assistant

Many of you know Scott Childers, Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Love Library, and a current SELS Board Member. He

has generously provided his technical expertise at several of our workshop events.

Recently, Scott was presented with the CAMRE Award (Creating an Atmosphere of Mutual Respect) through the University of

Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries and the Association of Classified Library Personnel. We would like to congratulate Scott and feel blessed to have him on board the SELS team.



IRON LIBRARIAN

August 28 — 2:00 pm — Platte Valley Antique Mall

Wind up your summer in a winning way – compete in the 2010 Iron Librarian competition! On August 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Platte Valley Antique Mall (exit 420 on I-80), a variety of card and board games will be played by attendees. Cumulative points earned will determine the new champion!

You do not have to be a member of SELS Friends to participate in the battle for glory at this fun event - and there is no fee - but please register to ensure that enough games are available. As a thank you for your support, if you are currently a member of SELS Friends you will receive free refreshments during the gaming; if not you are welcome to participate and may purchase your own libations. If you are not yet a member of SELS Friends but would like to be, you may indicate your desire to join when you sign up to attend and still qualify for free treats.

In addition to the Iron Librarian, the annual meeting of the SELS Friends will be held at 1:00 on the same day, immediately preceding the Iron Librarian competition. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting as well!

Sign up by email, and if you need to pay for a new membership or a renewal, you can do so on August 28. Send your name and your membership status to info@selsfriends.org and let us know you are coming. It promises to be another memorable day for Southeast Library System friends!

News and Notes



Libri Books for Children Program

The Libri Foundation is offering a funding program to donate new, quality hardcover children's books for small, rural public libraries. Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000. Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budgets, and an active children's department.

Applications are accepted from independent libraries, as well as libraries which are part of

a county, regional, or cooperative library system.

A branch library may apply if the community it is in meets the definition of rural. If the branch



library receives its funding from its parent institution, then the

parent budget must meet the budget restrictions. Please note: Town libraries with total operating budgets over \$150,000 and county libraries with total operating budgets over \$350,000 are rarely given grants. The average total operating budget of a BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grant recipient is less than \$40,000.

Application deadlines in 2010 are: (postmarked by) August 15th. Application materials are available on the program website:

www.librifoundation.org/apps.html

Excalibur Extends Deadline

By Lisa Olivigni, Director of Crete Public Library

The Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association is extending the deadline for nominations until August 24, 2010. The Excalibur Award is given to one Outstanding Public Librarian each year.

We all know and work alongside public librarians who significantly contribute, both locally and statewide, to public libraries and the library profession. Please help highlight these efforts by nominating a current member of the Public Library and Trustee Section for this recognition. Recipient criteria for the Excalibur Award include:

1. Development of outstanding service in field/s of expertise, e.g.

reference, children's, technical, administrative.

2. Involvement in statewide library service.
3. Record of library leadership in local community, regional area or in the Nebraska Library Association.
4. Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library.

The deadline for applications is Monday, August 2, 2010. The winner of the Excalibur Award will be recognized at the NLA/NEMA 2010 Conference in Grand Island in October. For the application form and additional details, go to <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PLTS/excalibur.html>

Please contact Lisa Olivigni with any questions. Thanks!

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<http://selsfriends.org/members.html>

Thanks for your support!

Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award

By Aimee Owen, NMRT Awards Chair

The Nebraska Library Association's New Members Round Table (NMRT) is accepting nominations through September 1st for the *Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award* and the *Houchen Bindery Mentor of the Year Award*. Nomination forms are available on the NMRT webpage located at: www.nebraskalibraries.org/NMRT/awards.php.

Nominations can be mailed to : Aimee Owen, NMRT Awards Chair, 18718 Borman St., Omaha, NE, 68135.

The winners will be announced at the October 2010 NLA Conference.

The *Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award* is a cash prize sponsored by Houchen Bindery LTD. It is awarded to a beginning librarian

or media specialist who has made significant contributions to library and/or media services in the early stages of his/her career. If you know a new professional who has:

- Created innovative programs or services which improved library service in Nebraska;
- Made exceptional use of local, state, or national library resources including special grants;
- Made significant contributions toward the betterment of library and community relations; and
- Been active in professional library organizations on a local, state or national level,

Then nominate them for the *Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award*!

The *Houchen Bindery Mentor of the Year Award* is

awarded to an individual who has aided significantly in the professional development of librarians, media specialists, or library staff, and, by example, has influenced their careers. If you know someone who has:

- Had extraordinary influence on the professional development of one or more junior staff members;
- Encouraged involvement of staff in professional endeavors, provided strong leadership; and
- Set a good example of professional involvement,

Then you know someone who deserves the *Mentor of the Year Award*!

Past award winners are listed on our website. Please contact Aimee Owen with any questions at: (402) 578-9182, or email her at: Aimee.Owen@gmail.com.

Reserve a Date to View the PLA Virtual Conference!

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The 2010 Public Library Association Virtual Conference



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Finally! An affordable alternative to attending a Public Library Association National Conference. Southeast Library System is now accepting private reservations for the 13th National PLA Virtual Conference, pre-recorded for your convenience.

Contact Southeast Library System today to find out more about how you can host your own event for your staff. E-mail Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator, at: bsealey@windstream.net. Or call her at: 402-467-6188, or toll free at: 800-288-6063.

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- Cracking the Code: Beyond Dewey
- Advance Black Belt Librarians
- Marketing as Conversation
- If You Didn't Work Here, Would You Come Here?
- Save Your After School Sanity
- Shortcuts to Greatness-10 Things Great Libraries Know

New SELS Friends Scholarship Now Available!

By Becky Baker,
President, SELS Friends

The SELS Friends scholarship is once again available. This is the second time the Friends are offering assistance to SELS members who wish to attend a continuing education event, but need a little financial help. Complete information about the scholarship can be found by visiting www.selsfriends.org, then clicking on the Scholarship link on the left side of the page. You will find both the criteria and the actual online application there. Up to 5% of the current SELS Friends assets, or \$250 for 2010-11, may be expended for scholarships during each half of the year. The amount of the scholarship(s) awarded depends on the number and quality of applications that are received by the deadline of August 10, 2010. The next application window will open in January, 2011. Address any questions about this to info@selsfriends.org, and as always, thanks for your support of the SELS Friends!

Dear SELS Friends:

I would like to thank the SELS Friends for the scholarship I was awarded. I was able to take Microsoft Applications I through Southeast Community College and have already been able to apply it to my job. The class was an in-depth look at Microsoft Word and Excel 2007. It was very interesting to see how much they have improved this version over the last.

I probably had the most fun learning about all the things that can be done in Word. I usually use Print Shop to make flyers, but now I am using Word. It was great doing WordArt and seeing all the different effects you can add to pictures and Clipart. I was also able to share much of what I learned with the staff.

Excel wasn't quite as easy. Some of the formulas in Excel are still a little confusing, but I did learn several little tricks to help me with the financial report I do each month. Thank you once again SELS Friends!

Heather Koencke

Free Library Subscriptions to Care Advantage Magazine

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is offering **free library subscriptions** to care *ADvantage*, a quarterly publication for caregivers and individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses.

Each issue of care *ADvantage* presents articles written by top experts in their respective fields, offering valuable information and insight into a wide range of timely topics from the medical and practical to the emotional and inspirational.

Over 200 public libraries nationwide have subscribed thus far, and we would love to extend an invitation to you join them in providing this magazine so patrons who are affected by Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses can have

greater access to the information and support that is available to them. We would also greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word to other libraries across the nation, if possible.

Every library in your system can each receive one free issue per quarter, with no end date to their subscription. Please call 866-AFA-8484, Ext. 111 or email me at mausten@alzfdn.org to subscribe or to request a sample copy of the magazine.

Thank you so much!

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NLC Awarded Grant to Support Library Education

Nebraska Library Commission Awarded Prestigious Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to Support Library Education.

Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Nebraska Library Commission will administer funds to provide scholarships, internships, stipends, and value-added educational experiences to foster the recruitment, education, and 21st century skills development of pre-professional and professional students in Nebraska.

Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner commented, "The Nebraska Library Commission is pleased to receive a 2010 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant. The Commission's *Cultivating Rural Librarians' 21st Century Skills* program will support the education of Nebraska students engaged in pre-professional and professional programs. The focus on 21st century skills is essential to meeting the library service needs of Nebraska's diverse and changing population. We have

high expectations that our program will equip hundreds of students with essential skills leading to higher quality library services across Nebraska."

"Library services are in great demand as evidenced by the growing numbers of patrons turning to the library to meet their education, workforce, and health information needs. At the same time, information technology has transformed library service and opened the doors to innovation so that libraries can reach diverse people more effectively. In this fast-changing environment, providing training and educational support for librarians and library staff is more important than ever," said IMLS Acting Director Marsha L. Semmel.

The Nebraska grant begins November 2010 and is supported by the following partners: Central Community College, Nebraska Educational Media Association, Nebraska Library Association, Nebraska's Regional Library Systems, RSL Research Group, University of Missouri, and University of Nebraska at Omaha. This is one of thirty-eight awards made to libraries and

education institutions across the nation. This national, multifaceted grant program supports tuition assistance, curriculum development, service expectations, job placement, recruitment of non-traditional library students, and support for doctoral candidates to teach library science and research. In 2002 First Lady Laura Bush announced the President's multimillion-dollar support of an initiative to help bolster the library profession. Since then, IMLS has helped fund the education of 3,220 master's degree students, 186 doctoral students, 1,256 pre-professional students, and 26,186 continuing education students.

As more information becomes available about Nebraska's *Cultivating Rural Librarians' 21st Century Skills* program, it will be posted on the website, NowHiringAtYourLibrary.org or NowHiring.nlc.state.ne.us.

For More Information Contact: Mary Jo Ryan, 402-471-3434, 800-742-7691, or email her at:

maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov.

[Click here to register!](#)


Nebraska Libraries
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Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association

Annual Conference - October 13-15, 2010

Holiday Inn-Midtown/Howard Johnson Hotels, Grand Island, Nebraska

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference>

National Endowment for the Arts Celebrates the Fifth Year of The Big Read With \$1 Million in Grants

Seventy-five grantees include libraries, arts groups, colleges, and municipalities

July 8, 2010

Washington, DC -- Kicking off the program's fifth year, the National Endowment for the Arts today announced that 75 not-for-profits -- including arts and cultural organizations, libraries, and universities -- will receive grants totaling \$1 million to host a Big Read project between September 2010 and June 2011. The Big Read brings communities together to read, discuss, and celebrate one of 31 selections from United States and world literature, which for the first time includes Julia Alvarez's *In the Time of the Butterflies*. Since the 2006 pilot program with ten participating organizations, the NEA, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and in cooperation with Arts Midwest, has given more than 800 grants to support local Big Read projects.

Please see the [complete listing of](#)

[grants](#).

"The arts in general -- and literature, in particular -- often serve as an expression of our shared values. This is exactly why they are so effective as a fulcrum for community engagement," said NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. "Thanks to these 75 grants, communities nationwide will be inspired, delighted and challenged by a book they are discovering for the first time, or an old favorite to which they are returning."

"IMLS is proud to support The Big Read, a national program that brings communities together to read and discuss books," said Marsha L. Semmel, acting director of IMLS. "Through this program, libraries and museums are playing critical roles in reading partnerships across the country."

The selected organizations will receive Big Read grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 to promote and carry out community-based programs. Participating communities also receive high-quality, free-of-charge educational materials to supplement each title, which also are available for download on www.neabigread.org. *Reader's Guides* include features such as author biographies, historical context for the book, and discussion questions. *Teacher's Guides* are developed with National Council of Teachers of English and State Language Arts standards in mind and include lesson plans, essay topics, and classroom handouts. The Big Read *Audio Guides* feature readings from the novel along with commentary from renowned artists, educators, and public figures such as Junot

Diaz and Aimee Mann, and Big Read authors such as Cynthia Ozick and Ernest J. Gaines.

Each community's Big Read includes a kick-off event to launch the program; activities devoted specifically to its Big Read book or poet (e.g., panel discussions, lectures, public readings); events using the selection as a point of departure (e.g., film screenings,

SELS has *Big Read* kits available:

Kits include: Audio Guides, Reader's Guides, and Teacher's Guides.

Contact Yvonne or Brenda at the SELS office to check out these resources:


selsne@gmail.com

theatrical readings, exhibits); and book discussions in diverse locations aimed at a wide range of audiences.

The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Support for The Big Read has been provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, the Boeing Company, the Poetry Foundation, and the Ford Motor Company.

For more information about The Big Read please visit www.neabigread.org.

Or contact: Liz Stark at 202-682-5744, or email her at: starke@arts.gov.




Presents...

A Celebration of Nebraska Books
November 6, 2010
Nebraska State Historical Society's
Nebraska History Museum, Lincoln, NE

Join Us to celebrate:

- 2010 Nebraska Book Award Winners with authors reading from their work
- Presentation of the 2010 Jane Geske Award
- 2010 One Book One Nebraska program *The Home Place*, by Wright Morris
- 2011 One Book One Nebraska book selection to be announced

Refer to centerforthebook.nebraska.gov and facebook.com, search on Nebraska Center for the Book





Library & Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Fall, 2010

August 23 – December 16

LIBR 2250 Leadership & Management in Library & Information Agencies

Joyce Sharon Neujahr, Instructor

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies & procedures

Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.

LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification

Ruth Carlock, Instructor

This course will include theories, concepts and activities for cataloging and classifying materials in the 21st Century. It includes the following topics:

- the bibliographic record
- Sears and Library of Congress subject headings
- Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems
- the MARC record
- Anglo-American Cataloging Rules
- and authority control
-

Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact:

Mary Young
Admissions/Recruiting Director
myoung@cccneb.edu
(402) 562-1296



SAVE THE DATE...SEPTEMBER 8 GET OUT AND REACH!

OUTREACH PROJECTS AND HEALTH INFORMATION

Outreach Panel Discussion

Wednesday September 8, 2010

At Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln NE

9:00 am -10:30 am

Hear from a people who have successfully run outreach projects. Build alliances, target future projects—A networking opportunity for people from public libraries, school libraries, public health departments, community and faith based organizations . Ideas for discussion/ funding/potential projects can be shared at: <http://outreachcamp.pbworks.com/>

Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing free Consumer Health Information

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

At Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln NE

10:45am—12:15pm

Lunch Provided 12:15pm—1:30pm

No Comprende? Spanish and other Multiple Language Resources for Health Information

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

At Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln NE

1:30pm CT –3:00 pm CT

All events are free!

**Registration available until
Sept. 1, 2010 at:**

www.tinyurl.com/mcrclasses

Questions can be directed to:

Marty Magee

**National Network/Libraries of Medicine
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McGoogan Library of Medicine
Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center
986706 Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha NE 68198-6706**

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Meridian, Northeast, Panhandle and Republican Valley Library Systems Present:

Bridging the Gender Gap:

Enticing Boys to Books

Presenter: Carole Fiore

September 14th or 15th, 2010

9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



September 14th
Aurora Public Library
1603 "L" Street
Aurora NE

OR

\$20 per person
(includes lunch)

September 15th
Ole's Big Game Steakhouse &
Lounge
123 North Oak
Paxton NE

Carole D. Fiore holds a BS in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Temple University and an MS in Library Science from Drexel University. Carole was a public library consultant with the State Library and Archives of Florida where she directed the award winning Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP). She also served as the Library Services and Technology Act Grant Coordinator and liaison consultant to libraries and library systems in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Carole will teach you how to:

- Increase your knowledge and skill level in connecting boys and books.
- How to evaluate and purchase materials attractive to boys.
- Types of activities that will attract boys to libraries and reading
- Understand boy's developmental progression.

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Bridging the Gender Gap: Enticing Boys to Books Registration

Circle one: **Aurora** or **Paxton**
Name: _____

Library: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail \$20.00 check and registration by **September 1, 2010** to:
Republican Valley Library System
2727 W. Second Street # 233
Hastings, NE 68901-4684
800-569-4961 or 402-462-1975
E-mail: rvlsasst@inebraska.com

The 16th Annual The 16th Annual

**Youth Services Retreat
September 16-17, 2010
Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland**

**Sponsored by Eastern & Southeast Library Systems
Registration begins at 8:30 am on Thursday and the retreat ends Friday PM**

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| ☺ Book Reviews | ☺ Wonderful Food |
| ☺ Book Making | ☺ Relaxing Atmosphere |
| ☺ Tech Tools | ☺ Great Conversation |
| ☺ Guest Author | ☺ Nice Accomodations |
| ☺ Search Engines | ☺ Accu-Cut Machines |
| ☺ Share A Program | ☺ Folkmanis Puppets |

Name: _____ Library: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Roommate preferred (or we will match you up):

Please check all that applies:

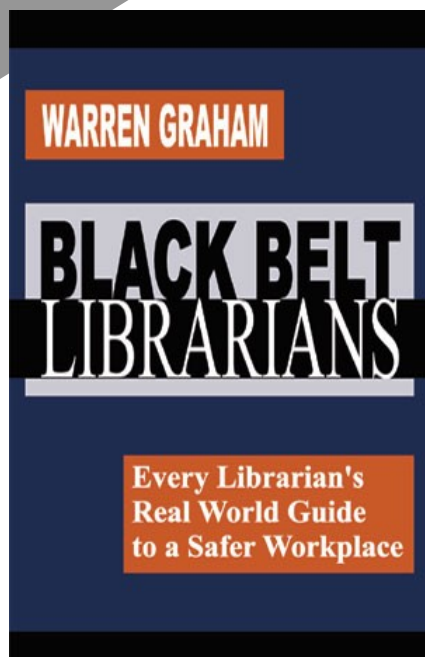
- ___ Both days with overnight, double occupancy \$125 (includes all meals)
___ Both days with overnight, single occupancy \$155 (includes all meals)
___ Hayrack ride on Thursday night \$2 (can pay at retreat, weather pending)
___ Thursday only, includes lunch \$50
___ Friday only, includes lunch \$45

Send check, payable to ELS, to:

Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 18
Omaha, NE 68144

**You MUST register by
September 9th - no excuses!**

Nebraska Regional Library Systems Pre-Conference at NLA/NEMA Conference



October 13, 2010
Midtown Holiday Inn
Grand Island
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Grand Island, NE 68803

Cost is \$20 (includes lunch)
6 Continuing Education Credits

Warren Graham will discuss:

- Handling difficult customers for public service staff and managers
- Complete security staff training
- Analysis of existing procedures and recommendations for improvement
- Customized training for specific needs
- Self-defense tactics for front line staff



Registration: Black Belt Librarians with Warren Graham

Name: _____

Library: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Register at the NLA/NEMA
Conference Website:

www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2010

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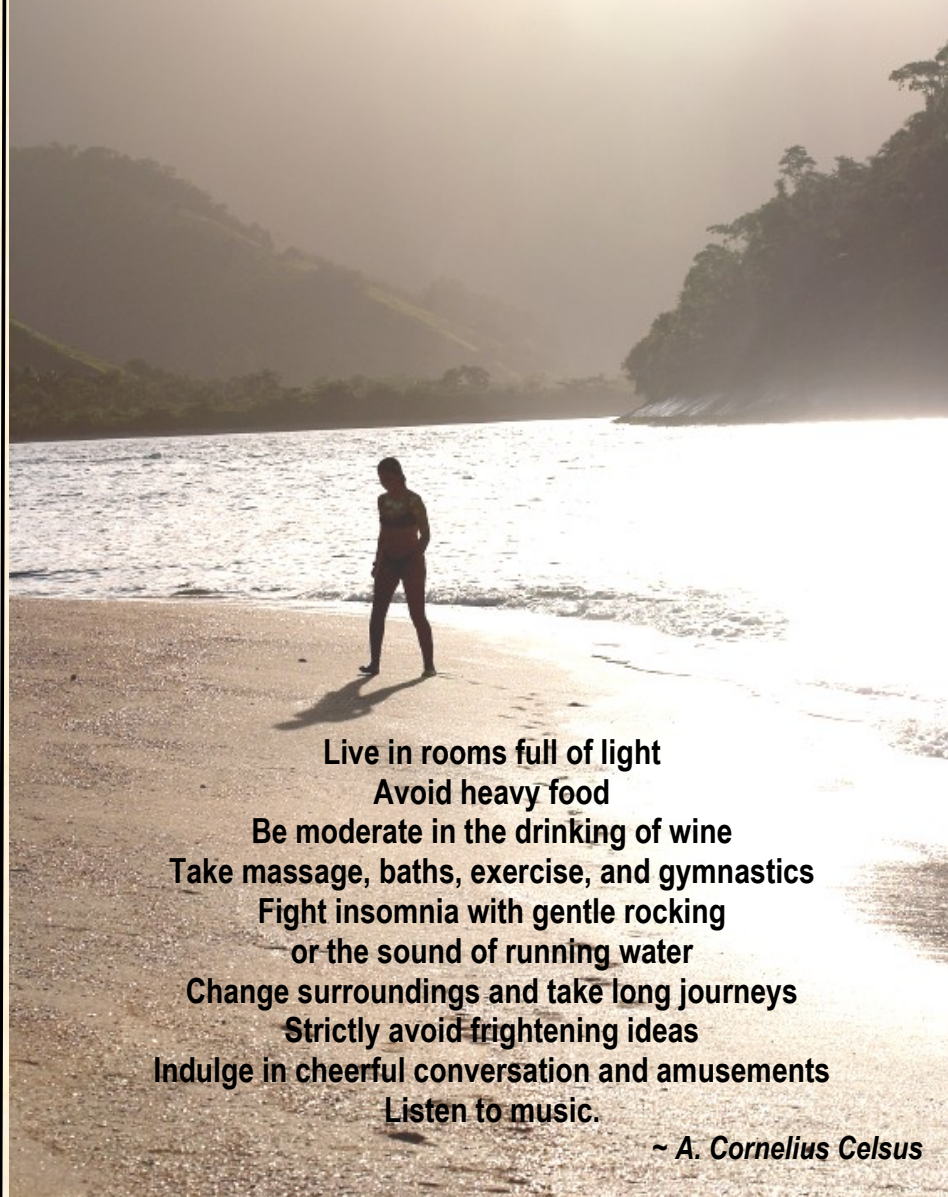
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**Live in rooms full of light
Avoid heavy food
Be moderate in the drinking of wine
Take massage, baths, exercise, and gymnastics
Fight insomnia with gentle rocking
or the sound of running water
Change surroundings and take long journeys
Strictly avoid frightening ideas
Indulge in cheerful conversation and amusements
Listen to music.**

~ A. Cornelius Celsus

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: www.selsne.org.) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.